

For over half a century Mother Teresa devoted herself to that great cause.

She won the Nobel Prize in 1979 and was the recipient of countless other honors and notices.

None of the accolades changed her lifestyle or her commitment.

Missionaries of Charity grew from a dozen sisters to over 3,000 sisters in more than 500 missions in more than 100 countries.

Mother Teresa became a symbol of compassion and inclusion, of the struggle to address the needs of the poor, to provide every human, regardless of circumstances a basic dignity.

It is appropriate that the beatification of Mother Teresa will take place on October 19, 2003. It is another important step in the revered path to sainthood.

The life of Mother Teresa has become a symbol for all of us, a message that the great mass of poor people on this earth should no longer be invisible.

Her legacy is one that we could all do well to emulate and we can only trust that legacy will continue to find a place in the hearts of all humankind.

TAIWAN'S REPUBLIC DAY

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, Taiwan will be celebrating its Republic Day this October 10. On behalf of my constituents, I wish to express my congratulations to the people of Taiwan on this happy occasion.

Since 1949 when members of the anticommunist Kuomintang Party established its government, Taiwan has grown and flourished. Today it is a thriving multiparty democracy with an equally robust free market economy.

In 1952 less than 60 percent of its people over the age of 15 could read and write. Today Taiwan has a literacy rate of 94 percent.

Politically, Taiwan has continued its democratization process and its people enjoy the fruits of living in a free and open society. Taiwan has 12 officially recognized religions, including Buddhism, Daoism (Taoism), Roman Catholicism, Protestantism, and Islam. In 2000, Taiwan underwent its first peaceful transfer of power from the Nationalist to the Democratic Progressive Party. Throughout this period, the island prospered and became one of East Asia's economic "Tigers."

This is because Taiwan has a dynamic capitalist economy that is continually being de-regulated as formerly government-owned enterprises are being privatized.

Taiwan is a major trading partner of the United States. In 2002, total Taiwan-U.S. trade in goods amounted to over \$50 billion. This past year my home state of Illinois exported more than \$289 million of goods to Taiwan.

I hope that friendly relations between America and our ally Taiwan remain strong and continue to grow closer and wish the citizens of Taiwan well on their national holiday.

HONORING THE 92ND TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the upcoming anniversary of National Day in the Republic of China on Taiwan. On October 10 of this year, the Republic of China on Taiwan will celebrate its 92nd National Day anniversary.

I commend President Chen Shui-bian and Vice President Annette Lu for their leadership in helping Taiwan improve its domestic economy and increase its participation in the international economy. Taiwan has become one of our largest trading partners.

Every year, the United States celebrates its independence on July 4th, honoring our nation's history and the ideals on which our great nation was founded. This week, Taiwan will celebrate a similar anniversary, which historically marks the beginnings of economic, social and political success that have helped Taiwan become so important to the international marketplace.

Mr. Speaker, on this 92nd occasion of Taiwan's National Day, let us send our best wishes to the twenty-two million residents who live on the island. It is also important to remember that Taiwan has a strong relationship with the United States, and we hope this relationship will continue to flourish and grow in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO ROY ALTMAN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a great citizen from my district. Pastor Roy Altman of Silt, Colorado recently announced his retirement from the Glenwood Springs First Presbyterian Church. Roy is a man of devotion and humility whose hard work and dedication to his friends and neighbors shows a spirit of charity all too rare in today's society. For his tireless work and commitment to his community, I am honored to rise and recognize Roy's many contributions here today.

Roy was ordained thirty-eight years ago at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and he worked with several churches before moving to Colorado in 1981 to take over as pastor at the Glenwood Springs First Presbyterian Church. At First Presbyterian, Roy forged strong ties to the community, which he serves in many ways. He volunteers on the board of directors for Mountain Valley Developmental Services and ministers to the sick at Valley View Hospital. Roy is well respected in his community, and he is widely known as the unofficial chaplain of the 19th Street Diner. Roy has guided First Presbyterian and the greater community for twenty-one years. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. Speaker, Roy Altman is a kind and devoted spiritual leader who many in the Glenwood Springs community turn to for inspiration

and guidance in their daily lives. He has devoted nearly forty years to guiding his parishioners, and I am honored to join with my colleagues in recognizing his service here today. Thanks for your tireless work and efforts, Roy. I wish you all the best in your retirement.

HONORING THE NORTH COAST HEALTH MINISTRY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the North Coast Health Ministry on the occasion of the dedication of their new home on Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, Ohio.

In 1986, North Coast Health Ministries began seeing patients one night a week in Dr. Elmer's Office at St. John West Shore. Since that time, North Coast Health Ministries has been providing free medical services for low-income uninsured individuals in western Cuyahoga and eastern Lorain Counties. Last year, the Ministry provided for 5,170 patient visits through staff and volunteer physicians, nurses and clerical support teams.

In 1988 the Ministry moved to Lakewood and has since been occupying space donated by Lakewood Hospital. In July of 2003, North Coast Health Ministries received a three-year capital grant from the Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Foundation that allowed it to purchase a new home in Lakewood debt-free.

This new facility will allow staff and volunteers to serve their patients more efficiently in a warm and welcoming environment. It will also provide for increasing visibility in the community which will allow North Coast Health Ministry to reach more patients.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing North Coast Health Ministry's efforts to give back to the community. I encourage all citizens to support North Coast Health Ministry in its mission of serving the poor and uninsured in this time of growing need.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 3, PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I voted in support of S. 3, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003. This legislation, passed by the House of Representatives on October 2, 2003, will outlaw the horrific act of partial birth abortion.

My colleagues and I are sending the President comprehensive legislation that protects the sanctity of life. The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban will save the lives of thousands of unborn. It will protect women from going through this evasive, harmful procedure.

The American public has become educated on how this procedure is done. The abortionist intentionally delivers the baby feet first and stops with the head still in the mother. They then puncture the skull of the child and remove the brain. The skull collapses and the

abortionist completes the delivery of a now dead baby. If the head slips out at any time the abortionist must stop the procedure. This procedure defines life by inches of a baby's head.

Many members of the medical community, myself included, find the practice of partial-birth abortion to be appalling. In fact, this ban has been endorsed by the American Medical Association. America's doctors recognize the uselessness and danger of this procedure, not only to the baby, but to the mother as well.

This is a very emotional issue and every Member of the House who voted for this important legislation truly considered whom we are trying to protect. The most innocent members of our society are under attack. If we don't protect them, who will?

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for voting to protecting our unborn children. We must stand together and recognize the damage inflicted on America when we treat life as a privilege and not a right. I commend the members of both Houses who have worked so hard to bring this legislation to a vote.

PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES DAY

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to call attention to the leading cause of death in the United States for people ages 6 to 25, traffic accidents all attention to an important step we can take to combat this disturbing trend.

The roadways of this nation have become a remarkably dangerous and costly place. A few stunning statistics on roadway accidents clearly show just how dangerous and costly they have become. The number of fatalities from traffic crashes increased in 2002 to almost 43,000 deaths—a death every 13 minutes—a rate not seen since 1990. Overall, almost 3,000,000 people are injured every year in traffic crashes and the financial cost of these deaths and injuries, beyond the pain and suffering they cause to victims and their families, is over \$230 billion per year.

Most surprising of all, though, is that there are simple ways to improve the safety of our roads. Most traffic accidents can be prevented with common sense from drivers, such as wearing seatbelts, and cost-effective improvements to roadways. With these simple solutions in mind, I encourage my colleagues to cosponsor H.R. 388, expressing the sense that Congress and the President should establish "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day" to encourage safer driving and safer roadways.

"Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day," which is widely recognized on October 10th, is already supported by 40 national engineering, highway, and safety organizations, and several states have already organized very successful "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day" campaigns.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to imagine one single day with zero traffic fatalities; a day that would save well over 100 American lives. With just a few simple steps, we can make American roads safer, and we can help "put the brakes on fatalities."

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 3, PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express regret that the majority has chosen to play partisan politics and exclude a health exception in this Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003 conference report that is before us today.

In years past when this bill has come before the floor of the House, its major flaw has been the absence of a health exception for the mother. When this bill was originally considered in the House in June, I supported a motion to recommit that would have sent the bill back to Committee with directions to add that exception. Without that component, this bill is unconstitutional. In 2000, the Supreme Court found in *Carhart v. Stenberg* that Nebraska's partial-birth abortion ban was unconstitutional by a 5–4 decision. The grounds for that decision included the fact that there was no constitutionally required exception to protect women's health. I am disappointed that the authors of this bill made no effort to remedy this flaw.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DUANE VANDENBUSCHE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress today to honor a very accomplished citizen from my district. Duane Vandebusch of Gunnison, Colorado has guided the track and cross-country teams at Western State College to numerous national titles. Along the way, he has instilled many important values such as discipline and teamwork into his student athletes that have helped them mature into successful young men and women. For his remarkable success and his dedicated commitment to Colorado's youth, I am proud to recognize Duane here today.

Duane started his career at Western State College as a history professor in 1962 and began helping the track team a few years later by timing the athletes. From that humble beginning, Duane went on to become the program's head coach, and eventually one of the most successful coaches in the country. Under his tutelage, the women's cross-country team claimed one NAIA championship and three NCAA Division II National Titles. The men's squad has been equally impressive, winning one NAIA title and five NCAA national championships.

Duane's remarkable accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. In addition to his team titles, Duane has been named National Coach of the Year in cross-country seven times. For his success and dedication to the sport, he will be inducted next spring into Michigan's Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, despite all of the praise and accolades that have been bestowed on him,

Duane Vandebusch has kept his head on the ground and his focus on his students. He is a true credit to his community and the educational institution he serves. I am truly privileged to have this opportunity to congratulate Duane on his accomplishments, thank him for his four decades of hard work with our young people, and to wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF MERVYN JONES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to today in honor and remembrance of Mervyn Jones—devoted family man, respected businessman, and a friend to many in the community.

Mr. Jones and Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones were married in 1976 at Bethany Baptist Church. They have a son, Mervyn Jones II, who is now attending college at Hiram College. Mr. Jones worked renovating and rehabilitating homes in the community and had sold rental properties.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mervyn Jones—a loving man, a dedicated and adoring husband to his wife, a wonderful and warm father to his son, and a generous and caring man to his family and friends.

I extend my deepest condolences to Mr. Jones's beloved wife, Stephanie, and his child, Mervyn Jones II, and his brother, sisters, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Mervyn Jones will forever be missed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHNNY CASH

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H. Con. Res. 282, which pays tribute to the memory of legendary singer Johnny Cash, who was born in Kingsland, Arkansas.

Johnny Cash grew up on a 20-acre cotton farm in Northeast Arkansas. Listening to his mother's folk songs, hymns, and hearing the workers in the fields, or the nearby railroad yards nurtured his love for music. The plight of the workingman and downtrodden would remain a central theme to his music throughout his rise to become one of the most influential country singers of the 20th century.

His experiences of the dark side of life, through drugs, alcohol, bad luck, and poverty have been very popular. He used his songs, books, movies and television to grab the attention of the world.

Johnny Cash remained an Arkansan by heart throughout his entire career, never forgetting the importance of his faith, his family, and his roots. In 1969, he worked closely with Arkansas Governor Winthrop Rockefeller to show the nation that prisons were not a lost cause and living conditions must be improved. At the Governor's request he performed at Cummins Prison in Grady, Arkansas, to a live